

## Message Text

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ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AID-05 CIAE-00 DODE-00 HEW-06 INR-07

NSAE-00 PA-02 PRS-01 DHA-02 SCA-01 SCSE-00 EB-07

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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9879 FLASH

INFO AMCONSUL BELIZE

AMEMBASSY MEXICO IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY PANAMA IMMEDIATE

USCINCSOUTH

UNCLAS GUATEMALA 0704

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SWEL, GT

SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE

1. SERIOUS EARTHQUAKE OCCURRED GUATEMALA CITY ABOUT 3:10 A.M. LOCAL TIME. AS REPORTED TO OPERATIONS CENTER BY PHONE ABOUT 4:40 A.M. NO KNOWN INJURIES TO MISSION PERSONNEL. CONTACT ESTABLISHED WITH MAJORITY OF MISSION PERSONNEL ALREADY, AND REMAINDER WHO NOT REACHABLE BY PHONE BEING VISITED BY EMBASSY CARS.

2. EMBASSY SWITCHBOARD OUT OF COMMISSION BUT ONE DIRECT EMBASSY LINE OPEN, 66129. MANY PHONES GUATEMALA CITY ARE OPERATING HOWEVER. ELECTRICITY OUT BUT EMBASSY EMERGENCY GENERATOR FUNCTIONING. INITIAL SURVEY INDICATES SEVERAL CRACKS IN WALLS OF CHANCERY, AND BROKEN PIPES.

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3. AS FAR AS CAN BE SEEN IN DARKNESS ONLY VERY FEW BUILDINGS  
DOWN IN RESIDENTIAL AREA NEAR EMBASSY BUT DAMAGE IN OTHER AREAS OF  
CITY COULD BE SUBSTANTIAL. MAJOR HOTELS IN REFORMA AREA  
WHERE MOST OF AMERICAN TOURISTS LODGED ALSO APPEAR INTACT.

4. WILL REPORT FURTHER AS NEWS BECOMES AVAILABLE. AFTER SHOCKS  
CONTINUE PERIODICALLY.  
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